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Fire Department Holds Annual Turkey Fry

The annual Rocky Mount Fire Department (RMFD) Turkey Fry takes place November 22, 2013 from 7am to 9am at the Life Safety Complex (404 South Church Street, Rocky Mount). The complex has been the home of this turkey fry for about five years.

According to Rocky Mount Fire Chief Trey Mayo, those who attend the turkey fry learn how to properly deep fry using a turkey fryer. Firefighters will also explain how to use a fire extinguisher, just in case!


“We also teach about proper location of the fryer, propane safety, how to measure the correct amount of oil and how to prepare the bird,” says Mayo. “Additionally, we talk about general cooking safety tips during the event, such as what to do if a grease fire takes place or a fire in the oven, and how to prevent such occurrences.”

The RMFD Turkey Fry takes place five days prior to Thanksgiving, when turkey frying fires often occur. The National Fire Protection Association says almost three times more fires happen on Thanksgiving than on any other day of the year. Furthermore, cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and related injuries.

All ages are welcome to attend and learn about fire safety. Turkey rolls will be available while they last, and a recipe for an oven-roasted turkey is provided.

“The safest way to fry a turkey is to bake it in the oven,” states Mayo. “But, we know people are going to fry, and we need them to follow certain guidelines to avert disaster.”

For more information on the RMFD Turkey Fry, call Robbie Pate, RMFD Fire Marshal, at 252.972.1380, or visit rockymountnc.gov.



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FAA Allows Airlines to Expand Use of Personal Electronics

Excerpt of Press Release by Kristie Greco

The US Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator Michael Huerta recently announced that the FAA has determined that airlines can safely expand passenger use of Portable Electronic Devices (PEDs) during all phases of flight, and is immediately providing the airlines with implementation guidance.

Due to differences among fleets and operations, the implementation will vary among airlines, but the agency expects many carriers will prove to the FAA that their planes allow passengers to safely use their devices in airplane mode, gate-to-gate, by the end of the year.

Passengers will eventually be able to read e-books, play games, and watch videos on their devices during all phases of flight, with very limited exceptions. Electronic items, books and magazines, must be held or put in the seat back pocket during the actual takeoff and landing roll. Cell phones should be in airplane mode or with cellular service disabled – i.e., no signal bars displayed—and cannot be used for voice communications based on FCC regulations that prohibit any airborne calls using cell phones. If your air carrier provides Wi-Fi service during flight, you may use those services. You can also continue to use short-range Bluetooth accessories, like wireless keyboards.

Top Things Passengers Should Know about Expanded Use of PEDs on Airplanes:

1. Make safety your first priority.
2. Changes to PED policies will not happen immediately and will vary by airline. Check with your airline to see if and when you can use your PED.
3. Current PED policies remain in effect until an airline completes a safety assessment, gets FAA approval, and changes its PED policy.
4. Cell phones may not be used for voice communications.
5. Devices must be used in airplane mode or with the cellular connection disabled. You may use the WiFi connection on your device if the plane has an installed WiFi system and the airline allows its use. You can also continue to use short-range Bluetooth accessories, like wireless keyboards.
6. Properly stow heavier devices under seats or in the overhead bins during takeoff and landing. These items could impede evacuation of an aircraft or may injure you or someone else in the event of turbulence or an accident.

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| NTS | 7. During the safety briefing, put down electronic devices, books and newspapers and listen to the crewmember's instructions. |
| SK | 8. It only takes a few minutes to secure items according to the crew's instructions during takeoff and landing. |
| 2 TO 17 | 9. In some instances of low visibility – about one percent of flights – some landing systems may not be proved PED tolerant, so you may be asked to turn off your device. |
| | 10. Always follow crew instructions and immediately turn off your device if asked. |

The FAA is immediately giving airlines a clear path to safely expand PED use by passengers, and the Administrator will evaluate the rest of the ARC's longer-term recommendations and respond at a later date.

Shades of Grey

*Some situations are viewed in black and white; right and wrong. Yet, many people think situations also have a **grey area** where solutions are not so easily discerned. This is not just about the choices people make, but the thought process they go through to arrive at their decisions.*

Submitted for Your Discussion & Consideration

Your sister stops by to visit one day. You can see as your sister comes in the door that she has a gift bag in her hand. No one is having a birthday, and it isn't a holiday, so you are intrigued.

She sets down the gift bag, reaches in, and pulls out a tiny kitten. It is adorable! She hands it to you, and tells you that she thought you would just love it.

You are surprised. You already have two cats, and did not plan on getting any more pets. Your sister explains that she found it by a dumpster at work. She took it home, but the kitten and her dog did not get along. So, she figured you could take it since you already had cats.

What do you think you would say to your sister? Do you think you would refuse the “gift”? Or, would you help your sister, and the kitten, by opening up your home to it?

A Little Bit of [Recent] History

Lion's Club Park in Franklin County

Franklin County constructed a park starting in 2010 that is open and available for play. The park opened in 2012. It has plenty of space, and could certainly fit more visitors than it currently has.

Lion's Club Park is just behind the Pilot Lions Building, which is at 50 Pilot Bypass in the Pilot area near Zebulon.

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The Strange-ness

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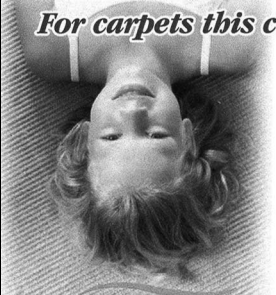
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* Nashville *

11/16 **Bike Rodeo**
(November 16 @ 2-4pm)
Free. Children bring a bike & helmet. Parents must be present & sign waiver. Bikes & helmets checked for safety. Learn about maneuvers, using brakes & hand signals. Obstacle course! At Nashville United Methodist Church, Hilliard Street Park lot, Nashville
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* Rocky Mount *

11/09 **America Recycles Day**
(November 9 @ 10am-1pm)
Shred-a-thon, E-Waste Recycling, & Prescription Drug Take Back Event. Recycle old electronics, personal papers, & unwanted prescription drugs safely & securely at this event. Free to the public; businesses incur a charge for shredding. At Golden East Crossing Mall Parking Lot, 1100 N Wesleyan Boulevard, Rocky Mount
Call Cornelia at 252.467.4960.

* Tarboro *

11/12 **Children's Story Time**
11/19 (Nov. 12 & 19 @ 10:30am)
Tuesday story times include music, games, crafts, & more! At Edgecombe County Memorial Library, 909 Main Street, Tarboro
See www.edgecombelibrary.org.

11/21 **Licenses, Record Keeping & Tax Issues for Small Bus.**
(Nov. 21 @ 6 pm)
Free workshop. Good record keeping habits allow focus to be on generating revenue rather than bookkeeping. At Edgecombe Comm College, Small Business Center, 2009 W Wilson St., Tarboro
Contact 252.823.5166 ext.269

* Wilson *

11/19 **Financing Your Business; Myth & Fact**
(Nov. 19 @ 6-9pm)
Attracting financing & requesting loans. Obtaining a loan requires an important sales presentations. Developing a successful loan package increases chances of getting a response. Last Day to Register: November 18th. At Small Business Center, Wilson Comm. College, Room E-101, 902 Herring Avenue E, Wilson
More info at www.wilsoncc.edu.

11/22 **Open Mic Night**
(Nov. 22 @ 7:30 pm)
ProMusic Café Musicales presents these family events for acoustic musicians (instrumental or vocal) poets & story tellers. \$2 admission. At ProMusic Conservatory, 105 W. Nash Street, Wilson
More info at 252.291.3386.

* Elsewhere *

11/10 **Historic Walking Tour**
(Nov. 10 @ 2-3:30pm)
A chance to learn about Louisburg College & historic homes in the area. 90-minute tour begins at the College's administrative building steps. Walk ends at the Person Place for refreshments & history. Free event. At Louisburg College and Person Place, Louisburg

11/10 **Finch Pottery Open House**
(November 10 @ 10am-5pm)
An annual event, more than 60 Finch Studio Potters show & sell their functional pots & artistic creations. Raku & throwing demonstrations, items for sale, hot spiced cider, food, & more. At Dan Finch Pottery, 5526 Finch Nursery Lane, Bailey
See www.danfinch.com.

11/11 **Veteran's Day - Libraries Closed** (November 11)
Government offices, banks, and libraries may be closed.

11/16 **Night of Miracles Cookshack Dinner & Auction** (Nov 16 @ dinner 5:30pm, auction 6pm)
Food, fun & fellowship. Door prizes, silent auction & a live auctioneer. (Call to donate items in advance.) Tickets \$15 include a Cookshack Rib Dinner. No charge for kids under 10. At Franklinton High School, 910 Cedar Creek Road, Franklinton.
Call Donna Wade at 919.291.1040.

These “Things To Do...” listings are free, at publisher’s discretion, and as space allows. Up to 5 lines of description may be included with an event. Priority is given to free, public events. Sponsor names may not be included. Event organizers may purchase regular advertising space to provide more details for events.

Few Miles Separate Cabbage Fields from the Grocery Store

Drivers through Wendell are used to zipping past the town strip malls, businesses, and fields. This Fall, the view along Wendell Boulevard includes several fields of green, leafy cabbages. As they grew larger and tastier, a sign appeared letting passers-by know that many of the cabbages were being grown for sale at Wendell’s IGA Foodliner.



What makes these cabbages special is that short distance between the farm and the store. These cabbages are sold about a mile from the fields where they were grown.

Speaking with Wendell IGA Store Manager, Tony Jeffreys, it became clear that buying locally is common for this location. Jeffreys explained that the cabbage is just one of many locally grown foods they sell in the store. Wendell IGA also buys sweet potatoes and turnips during the Fall growing season. According to Jeffreys, grower Sam Parker ships produce to other states, but Wendell IGA keeps a good portion of the cabbages and other foods in the community. The arrangement with Wendell IGA is business, but also partly friendship, as Jeffreys has purchased from Parker for a long time.

Wendell IGA buys seasonal foods as local as possible. Much of their Fall produce comes from small farms and individuals; the Parker farm is one of the bigger ones. Wendell IGA’s snap beans are coming from a grower in Zebulon At the time of the interview, the snap beans were still in the field but “pre-sold” to Wendell IGA.

Jeffreys and the Wendell IGA produce managers have been known to buy on impulse — in the moment — when a

grower shows up offering local produce. How it comes about, Jeffreys sais, is that the grower might just stop by and say what they have growing. If IGA is interested, they’ll make a deal right there.

Local buying helps ensure customers are happy with the freshness and the food tastes good. In general, shoppers know that if you want produce to taste its best, you buy food grown locally.

Because some shipped in produce can be out of season and “tasteless”, this particular store avoids carrying off-season produce; with a few exceptions of special items shipped in for holiday cooking.

When speaking to Jeffreys on October 24th, he said that the cabbages were due to IGA any day. He was waiting for the farmer to deliver when the crop matured. A few days later, the cabbages were mounded on a display in front of the store.



Tony Jeffreys and two helpers show off Cabbages offered for sale at Wendell IGA Foodliner

For now, the cabbages may still be seen in the field. Depending on the time of day, drivers might even see folks harvesting them. Stop by Wendell IGA soon to pick up a cabbage or two — fresh from the fields!

(Ed. note: We purchased a cabbage, tried it in several recipes, and found it to be very tasty, sweet, and crisp.)

Christmas Sparkle Returns to Wendell’s Downtown

The renowned Lake Myra Christmas light display moved to Wendell in 2012. It returns for 2013 to brighten the skies and draw light-seekers into the downtown area.

Producer Don Williams and a crew including local volunteers started erecting the display in September. Drive by 210 East Fourth Street in Wendell to see the strings of Christmas lights up, down, and all around the large lot. This free showing of over 300,000 lights.

While drivers can view the lights, walkers may see the display, hear the synchronized music, and experience magicians and other performers on alternating weekends.

The official Lake Myra Christmas lighting is scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday, November 19th. The show continues each evening — at 6pm — from that date through the end of 2013. According to the Town of Wendell website, the light show runs until 10pm Sunday through Thursday, and until 11pm Friday and Saturday. It serves as a part of the *Wendell Wonderland*.

As with last year, *Wendell Wonderland* includes Saturday night visits from Santa Claus and special events and business offerings around town. Visitors may also enjoy the *Lighting of the Town Square*, at J. Ashley Wall Square (17 W Third Street, Wendell), on November 22. This second event also takes place at 6pm, just a few blocks away from the Lake Myra Christmas location.

All the lighting and structures are provided as a private venture, with no fee charged to the Town of Wendell. Mr. Williams provides this Christmas attraction free; however, donations are accepted for those who wish to support Lake Myra’s kind efforts.

More details on the founding and management of the Lake Myra Christmas light show are online: www.lakemyrachristmas.com.

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Little Bits

Chuckle of the Issue

Three monks decided to practice meditation together. They sat by the side of a shimmering lake and closed their eyes in concentration.

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When he returned, the second monk stood up and said, “I forgot to put my other underwear to dry.” He too walked calmly across the water and returned the same way.

The third monk watched the first two carefully in what he decided must be the test of his own abilities. “Is your learning so superior to mine? I too can match any feat you two can perform,” he declared loudly and rushed to the water's edge to walk across it. He promptly fell into the deep water.

Undeterred, the wet monk climbed out of the water and tried again, only to sink into the water. Yet again he climbed out and yet again he tried, each time sinking into the water. This went on for some time as the other two monks watched.

After a while, the second monk turned to the first and said, “Do you think we should tell him where the stones are?”

Cryptogram of the Issue

Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote within the puzzle.

Hint: U= I.

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Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*Building a better
you is the first
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better America.
-- Zig Ziglar*

Word(s) of the Issue

superfluous

Exceeding what is necessary or required. Overflowing.
Example: The form was long and asked for all types of superfluous information.

Translation of the Issue

English — Cranberry

German — Cranberry; Moosbeere

Italian — Mirtillo Rosso Spanish — Arándano Rojo


Latin — Quadrupedibus Algonquin — Sassamanash

Translations for these words in many more languages may be found online (translate.google.com, etc.).

Quote of the Issue

Maya Angelou

“We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated.”

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